

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**Please replace the second paragraph on page 2 with the following amended paragraph:**

In the above reel, the backlash removing gears are constituted by two sheets of laminated gears and one of them is biased in the circumferential direction by a spring, and therefore the number of parts becomes large and ~~easily costs up~~ increases costs. Further, when setting up the backlash removing gears, the two sheets of gears are combined against a spring force so that the setting-up is troublesome, and there are problems of bad workability, for example, a spring member jumps out from a stationary part during setting up.

**Please replace paragraphs 2-9 on page 3 with the following amended paragraphs:**

In order to solve the aforesaid object, the invention is characterized by having the following arrangement: in which a fishing reel includes:

Aspect 1. — A fishing reel comprising:

a reel body;

a handle rotatably supported by the reel body;

a rotor rotatably supported by the reel body;

a power transmitting mechanism including a driving force transmitting part for transmitting driving force generated by rotating the handle to drive the rotor; and

a first rotation power transmitting instrument including an elastic member for frictionally transmitting the driving force provided at the drive force transmitting part.

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~~Aspect 2. — The fishing reel according to the aspect 1, wherein the~~ The driving force transmitting part ~~includes~~ may include the first rotation power transmitting instrument and a second rotation power transmitting instrument including gears for transmitting the driving force.

**Please replace paragraphs 1-11 on page 4 with the following amended paragraphs:**

~~Aspect 3. — A~~ According to yet another aspect, a fishing reel comprising includes:  
a first shaft;  
a first gear provided at the first shaft;  
a friction transmission rotating part coaxial with the first gear and provided at the first shaft;  
a second shaft  
a second gear in mesh with the first gear provided at the second shaft; and  
an elastic member coaxial with the second gear and provided at the second shaft, wherein the elastic member elastically contacts with the friction transmission rotating part, and driving force is transmitted between the first and second shafts via the first and second gear and via the friction transmission rotation part and the elastic member.

~~Aspect 4. — The~~ In addition, the fishing reel ~~according to the aspect 3 further comprising~~ may include:

a handle for generating the driving force; and  
a rotor which is rotated by the driving force,  
wherein the first and second shafts are interposed between the handle and the rotor for transmitting the driving force.

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**Please replace the first paragraph on page 12 with the following amended paragraph:**

According to the above backlash removing mechanism, it is possible to reduce the number of parts because of the simple structure in which the elastic member 31 should be merely attached so as to adjoin the gear portion 12b of the gear 12, ~~ad~~and therefore any ~~especial~~special setting-up work is not needed thereby realizing ~~cost down~~ lower costs.